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SUBJ: SENGHOR MAARIV INTERVIEW

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1. PRIVATE BUT INFLUENTIAL WEEKLY OUEST AFRICAINE
(WHICH ALLOWED BY GOS TO BREAK MAMADOU DIA RELEASE
STORY), PUBLISHED APR 12 SHORT PIECE ALLEGEDLY BASED ON
RECENT SENGHOR INTERVIEW WITH MAARIV CORRESPONDENT AT
DAKAR, UNDER HEAD PRESIDENT SENGHOR WISHES TO ORGANIZE
AN ISRAELI-ARAB DIALOGUE.

2. PRESIDENT QUOTED AS SAYING HE ENVISAGED A DISCUSSION
BETWEEN HUNDREDS OF PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT
POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL TENDENCIES. HIS FIRST
CONTACTS WITH THE TWO PARTIES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE HAD
POSITIVE RESULTS, BUT HE HAD DECIDED TO PROCEED SLOWLY
AND WITH PRUDENCE.

3. HE ADDED THAT AT THIS TIME CERTAIN ARABS AND ISRAELIS
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ARE MEETING PRIVATELY IN DAKAR AND HAVEING DISCUSSIONS UPON

HIS INITIATIVE FOR A DIALOGUE.

4. HE FELT THAT CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA AND JORDON WOULD BRING CONCRETE RESULTS, AND THAT FOR PALESTINIANS IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT FIRST STEP MUST BE A FEDERATION BETWEEN A PALESTINIAN AND AN ISRAELI STATE.

5. RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND ISRAEL ARE CURRENTLY ASLEEP (EN SOMMEIL), AND NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES CAN ONLY RESUME AFTER PEACE IS CONCLUDED IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

6. STORY CONCLUDES BY SAYING SENGHOR FINALLY REVEALED THAT AT MOMENT OF BREAK IN RELATIONS HE HAD PROPOSED TO ISRAEL TO KEEP A CONSULAR AGENT IN DAKAR, BUT THAT ISRAEL HAD NOT ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL.

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